There are three RMS Divisions in Delhi Postal Circle. The number of Extra-Departmental Mailmen working in the 3 RMS Divisions is as follows:—

Name of the RMS Division	No. of ED Mailmen
1. New Delhi Stg. Division	90 (including 14 on deputation to APS.)
2. Delhi sorting Division	19
3. Air-Mail Stg. Division	2

(b) The required information has been given in the Annexure *See* Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 125].

Steps to improve industrial growth in the Northern parts of the country

3250. SHRI P N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 25th July, 1988 to the effect that industrial units in the Northern parts of the country are hit by shortage of raw materials like coal, kerosene, power, furnace oil etc.; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to improve the position and help the progress of industrial growth in the Northern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Among the inputs power generation increased by 6.4 per cent during 1987-88 over 1986-87.

Kerosene oil is supplied to the State and Union Territory Governments essentially for cooking and lighting. The State Governments are free to release kerosene to essential industrial consumers from out of the State quota.

The sales of Kerosene, LDO and LSHS in Northern Region during April—June 1988-89 and April—June 1987-88 were as under:—

	Unit	1987-88 April-June	1988-89 April-June
Kerosene	000 KL	395.8	419.9
LDO	000 KL	62.0	71.5
LSHS	000 KL	327.8	342.7

Appointment of New Chairman of ONGC

3251. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have extended the term of the Chairman of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the past two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will appoint a new Chairman for the ONGC after the *extended term of the present incumbent* expires as the Public Enterprises Selection Board had already recommended candidates for the post; and